

WE CLAIM:

1. A ceiling system for the delivery of utilities to a workspace, comprising:
 - a plurality of anchors attached to a ceiling of a workspace, the anchors arranged to form a grid;
 - a plurality of substantially vertically extending support members attached to the anchors, the support members adapted to support a plurality of utilities and a ceiling member.
2. The ceiling system of claim 1 wherein the plurality of utilities include data cabling and power cabling.
3. The ceiling system of claim 2 wherein the power cabling has a modular conduit.
4. The ceiling system of claim 3 wherein the support members further support an additional functional element.
5. The ceiling system of claim 4 wherein the additional functional element comprises a lighting fixture.
6. The ceiling system of claim 5 wherein the ceiling member comprises a cable attached to the anchor and a tube surrounding at least a portion of the cable.
7. The ceiling system of claim 6 wherein each support member comprises a cable attached to the anchor and a tube surrounding at least a portion of the cable.
8. The ceiling system of claim 7 wherein the tube includes a plurality of apertures.
9. The ceiling system of claim 8 wherein the tube includes a locking element adapted to fix the tube in a selected position along the cable.

10. The ceiling system of claim 9 wherein the data and power cabling are removeably secured to the support members.

11. The ceiling system of claim 10 wherein a lower portion of the cabling includes a hook.

12. The ceiling system of claim 11 whreein the utilities are adapted to extend along the grid without substantially extending into an interior area.

13. The ceiling system of claim 12 wherein the power cabling includes a power access device.

14. The ceiling system of claim 13 further comprising a flexible harness with a modular plug connected to the power access device.

15. The ceiling system of claim 14 wherein the flexible harness is connected to a powered device.

16. The ceiling system of claim 15 wherein the powered device is a lighting fixture.

17. The ceiling system of claim 15 wherein the powered device is a display.

18. The ceiling system of claim 17 further comprising a lighting support member connected to at least two support members, the light fixture being connected to the lighting support member.

19. The ceiling system of claim 18 further comprising a mounting bracket that connects the lighting support member to the support member.

20. The ceiling system of claim 19 further comprising a power pole connected to the ceiling system adapted to provide power to a base surface.

21. A method for the delivery of utilities in an open plan work environment, comprising:

securing a plurality of anchors to a ceiling of a work environment, the anchors being arranged to form a grid;

connecting a plurality of support members to at least some of the anchors;

connecting data cabling to at least some of the support members at a substantially uniform data point along the support members;

connecting power cabling to at least some of the support members at a substantially uniform power point along the support members; and

connecting a ceiling panel to least some of the support members.

22. The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of connecting the data cabling and power cabling at different heights.

23. The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of connecting the ceiling panel at a height generally lower than the data cabling and the power cabling.

24. The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of connecting a powered device to the support members.

25. The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of connecting a powered light fixture.

26. The method of claim 24 further comprising the step of connecting a powered display.

27. The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of connecting a power access device to the power cabling in order to provide power to a powered device.